

Application No.: 10/786,162Docket No.: 713-1008**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A wrapping machine for wrapping a web around an object to be packaged, said wrapping machine comprising:

a machine frame supportable on a fixed base and comprising a plurality of columns and cross members connecting the columns to each other;

a lifting motor;

a lifting frame arranged to be movable upwards and downwards along the columns by means of said lifting motor;

a foil dispenser for rotatably supporting a roll of the web, said foil dispenser being movable with the lifting frame and arranged to circulate along a circular path around the object to be packaged to unroll the web from the roll so as to form a wrapping around the object to be packaged; and

at least an elongate flexible drive element and a wheel driven by the lifting motor for transmitting power from the lifting motor to produce a motion of the lifting frame along the columns;

wherein

each of said columns comprises a lower column part and an upper column part detachably joined together;

The wrapping machine according to claim 6, wherein

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the wheel comprises a drive belt pulley rotatably mounted on the lifting frame and rotatable by the lifting motor; and

the elongate drive element comprises a belt having a first end secured to an upper end of one of the columns and a second end secured to the drive belt pulley.

8. (previously presented) The wrapping machine according to claim 7, wherein the lifting frame comprises a diverting pulley, the belt coming from the drive belt pulley being passed over the diverting pulley to the upper end of the vertical column to which the second end of said belt is secured.

9. (previously presented) The wrapping machine according to claim 7, further comprising a drive shaft coupled to and driven by the lifting motor, the drive belt pulley being mounted at an end of said drive shaft.

10-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A top foil wrapping machine for depositing a web over an object to be packaged, said top foil wrapping machine comprising:

a machine frame supportable on a fixed base and comprising a plurality of columns and cross-members connecting the columns to each other;

a lifting motor;

a lifting frame arranged to be movable upwards and downwards along the columns by means of said lifting motor;

a top foil depositor connected to the lifting frame and arranged to deposit the web from a roll of the web over the object to be packaged; and

at least an elongate flexible drive element and a wheel driven by the lifting motor for transmitting power from the lifting motor to produce a motion of the lifting frame along the

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columns;

wherein

each of said columns comprises a lower column part and an upper column part detachably joined together;

~~The top foil wrapping machine according to claim 15, wherein~~  
the wheel comprises a drive belt pulley rotatably mounted on the lifting frame and rotatable by the lifting motor; and

the elongate drive element comprises a belt having a first end secured to an upper end of one of the columns and a second end secured to the drive belt pulley.

17. (previously presented) The top foil wrapping machine according to claim 16, wherein the lifting frame comprises a diverting pulley, the belt coming from the drive belt pulley being passed over the diverting pulley to the upper end of the vertical column to which the second end of said belt is secured.

18. (previously presented) The top foil wrapping machine according to claim 16, further comprising a drive shaft coupled to and driven by the lifting motor, the drive belt pulley being mounted at an end of said drive shaft.

19-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A wrapping machine for wrapping a web around an object to be packaged, said wrapping machine comprising:

a machine frame supportable on a fixed base and comprising a plurality of columns and cross members connecting the columns to each other;

a lifting motor;

a lifting frame arranged to be movable upwards and downwards along the columns by

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means of said lifting motor; and

a foil dispenser for rotatably supporting a roll of the web, said foil dispenser being movable with the lifting frame and arranged to circulate along a circular path around the object to be packaged to unroll the web from the roll so as to form a wrapping around the object to be packaged;

wherein

each of said columns comprises a lower column part and an upper column part detachably joined together; and

the lower column part comprises a supporting element supporting the lifting frame when the lifting frame is lowered onto said supporting element;

[[the]] said wrapping machine according to claim 4, having a packaged configuration in which the upper column parts are detached from the respective lower columns parts, and the lifting frame rests on the supporting elements of the lower column parts so as to be completely located below exposed upper ends of the lower column parts.

27. (currently amended) A wrapping machine for wrapping a web around an object to be packaged, said wrapping machine comprising:

a machine frame supportable on a fixed base and comprising a plurality of columns and cross members connecting the columns to each other;

a lifting motor;

a lifting frame arranged to be movable upwards and downwards along the columns by means of said lifting motor; and

a foil dispenser for rotatably supporting a roll of the web, said foil dispenser being movable with the lifting frame and arranged to circulate along a circular path around the object to be packaged to unroll the web from the roll so as to form a wrapping around the object to be packaged;

wherein

each of said columns comprises a lower column part and an upper column part detachably joined together; and

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~~The wrapping machine according to claim 1, wherein only the lower column parts are connected to each other by the cross members, whereas the upper column parts are not directly connected by any of the cross members.~~

28. (currently amended) A wrapping machine for wrapping a web around an object to be packaged, said wrapping machine comprising:

a machine frame supportable on a fixed base and comprising a plurality of columns and cross members connecting the columns to each other;

a lifting motor;

a lifting frame arranged to be movable upwards and downwards along the columns by means of said lifting motor; and

a foil dispenser for rotatably supporting a roll of the web, said foil dispenser being movable with the lifting frame and arranged to circulate along a circular path around the object to be packaged to unroll the web from the roll so as to form a wrapping around the object to be packaged;

wherein

each of said columns comprises a lower column part and an upper column part detachably joined together;

said wrapping machine further comprises splice joint elements for joining the respective lower and upper column parts together; and

~~The wrapping machine according to claim 2, wherein an upper end of each of the lower column parts is hollow for receiving therein one of the splice joint elements with the upper end of the lower column part completely surrounds said splice joint element.~~